

REMARKS

Examination of the present divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/804,024 (the "parent application"), filed on March 13, 2001. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

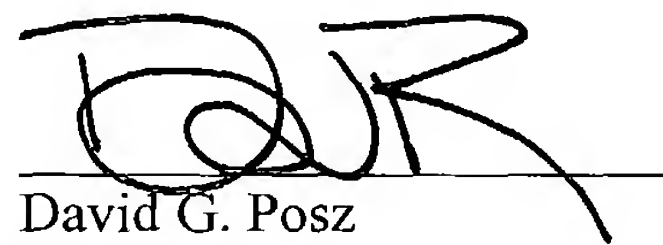
The examiner should note that the last claim number is amended to 44 in this preliminary amendment since there were two claim 43s.

The Examiner also should note that the present application includes original claims 29 – 44. These claims have been cancelled during prosecution of the parent application.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147

Respectfully submitted,

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